

SCHOOL CLOSSES,
FIVE GRADUATES

Debates, Recitations, Essays,
Music and Awarding of
Diplomas, Medals, Etc.

The closing exercises of the High School took place Tuesday night. Miss May's Expression Class and the graduating class had the right of way. There were speeches, recitations, music, delivery of medals, diplomas, etc., and the usual exercises, (and heat) common to such occasions. The exercises were closed by the announcement of promotions, distinctions, etc., by Prof. Carson, interjected with appropriate remarks, most of which were not heard by three fourths of the audience, the same being true of the speeches and readings, as a rule. The program as rendered was as follows:

Invocation.—Rev. C. R. Brown. Piano Solo—Miss Ellen Scott. Readings: "Mice at Play," Miss Cora Britts. "To Mary in Heaven," and "They Never Quarrelled," Kate Hall. "The Vagabonds," Janie Whitley. "How Miss Edith Helps Things Along," Edgar Hurt. "Sam's Letter," and "I Ain't Goin' To Cry No More," Marie McNulty.

Scene From the School of Scandal, Miss Nannie Bell Whitley as "Lady Teazle," and Miss Stella Munsey as "Sir Peter."

Piano Solo—Miss Margaret St. Clair.

GRADUATING CLASS EXERCISES.

Essay—Florence Nightingale, by Mary Brown.

Essay—Woman's Place in the Government, by Ollie Hurt.

Essay—Royal Musicians, by Esther Johnson.

Oration—Thought, by Earle Kendrick.

Oration—The Red Cross, by Joseph Leslie.

Piano Solo—Nancye McBride.

Awarding of Diplomas, Medals, Distinctions, Scholarships.

Announcement, Benediction.

Prof. Carson stated at the close, that the session had been pleasant and profitable all the way through.

There had been no trouble or friction between teachers, or between teachers and pupils during the year, and both pupils, teachers and patrons had cause for gratitude, and every reason for encouragement.

There was a very large crowd present, but no one seemed to be weary by the long program. Those who took part were the recipients of handsome bouquets of flowers, and other appropriate gifts.

Special medals and honors were won and awarded, as follows:

For highest grade in first year latin, a gold medal, Anita Gillespie.

In Fifth Grade, scholarship and attendance medals, Mamie Vandyeke, Eloise Buxton, Wm. Bottimore. Each of these pupils graded about 99, and neither had missed a day nor been tardy.

Scholarships were won by the following students "attaining highest grades in all their studies: Earle Kendrick, to University of Virginia; Joseph A. Leslie, Jr., to Washington and Lee University; Esther Johnson, to Elizabeth College, N. C.; Evelyn McCall, 1st year Tazewell High School, Chloee Carson, 2nd year Tazewell High School, May Brown, 3rd year Tazewell High School.

In Miss Mays Expression Class, medal was won by Katie Hall. Every pupil who appeared on the stage knew his work. There was not a single hesitation or need at any time, of a word or look from the prompter, if there was one around. The remark was made, "they are on to their jobs." The patrons and teachers felt a pardonable pride in the pupils and their performances.

The medals were delivered by J. Powell Royall and C. R. Brown, in their usual happy styles. The stage was beautifully and profusely decorated for the occasion. All that was lacking to make everything just right, was a few more cool strong breezes. There was "hot air" a plenty.

MONDAY'S PROGRAM.

Monday night was given over to the exercises of the Jeffersonian Literary Society. The program consisted of a debate, music and orations.

The following is the program:

Address of welcome, by the President of the Society, Morrison Werth.

Duet, La Baladine, Mary Preston, Maree St. Clair.

Essay, Ellen Scott.

Reading, Margaret St. Clair.

Solo, Spring Son, Ollie Hurt.

Oration, Earle Kendrick.

Debate, Resolved, That Virginia Should Provide Facilities For the Higher Education of Women.

Affirmative—Minnie Harman, Edward Jackson; Negative—Louise Speer, Sam D. May.

The result of the debate was decided in favor of the negative.

Reading—Elizabeth Hall.

Piano Solo, Chloee Carson.

Pounding Mill

Pounding Mill May 31.—Mrs. Sparks will give her Temperance lecture on Friday at 1 o'clock instead of 11.

Misses Lois Hurt and "Chuck" Gillespie spent last night visiting Miss Uva Steele, and Sunday at Indian.

Mrs. R. K. Gillespie spent Thursday at Tazewell.

Mrs. R. M. Sparks has returned from her visit to Whitewood.

Mrs. J. Marion McGuire, Cedar Bluff, spent Friday night with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Steele.

Mrs. Tom England returned yesterday to Bandy where she has a position in a commissary.

Mr. F. M. Hurt was here Monday and reports as getting on well with the new store of Gillespie and Steele.

Mrs. W. P. Cecil and Mrs. Tom Steele, Indian, visited Mrs. John Azbury, Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Wilson was here Monday and Tuesday from Virginia City. He is off on 15 days vacation to Eastern Virginia.

Mrs. Morgan Wynn and son, Glenn, Burke's Garden, were visitors at W. B. Steele's Monday night. She is now visiting her sister, Mrs. John Wynn in Baptist Valley.

Mrs. Wynn is the daughter of the late Rev John Chrismond, the noted Methodist minister of his day, and her mother was that good woman Elizabeth Shannon, and she possesses the good qualities of both.

Messrs. Robert Williams and John Lovell went to Bluefield yesterday, to see the air ships.

J. T. Altizer, the R. F. D. carrier was mad at himself yesterday because he forgot it was a legal holiday, but too late to go to Bluefield to the aviation meet.

Mr. Leonard Spratt was a visitor here Tuesday.

The following persons are some who attended the decoration of graves Sunday, near Bandy, by Odd Fellows: Misses Lettie and Jennie Lovell, Cora Christian, Cora Brewster, Mamie Duncan, Alice Mulkey, Neva Altizer, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Altizer, Mrs. W. B. Steele, Miss Uva Steele, R. M. Sparks, John Gillespie, Charles and Henry Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, George Brewster and others.

Miss Lettie Ringstaff is not so well this week.

Miss Aiyse Mulkey spent Saturday and Sunday at Honaker with parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mulkey.

Mr. Wm. Cook who was right sick yesterday morning is able to resume duties.

Mrs. H. W. Christian was sick several days last week with neuralgia.

The weather is so dry that every one most is disheartened. Garden truck is only coming up as it is watered. Lots of corn has to be replanted.

An Enjoyable at Home

Mr. C. H. Peery, North Tazewell, stopped the plows on yesterday, and celebrated his 60th birthday, gathering around him on the occasion a company of congenial friends, viz: Clerk S. M. and Mrs. Graham, Dr. A. T. and Mrs. Graham, of Russell, W. B. and Mrs. Morton, Union, W. Va., C. P. Greever and wife, Graham, J. F. Gillespie and wife, Wittens Mills, Sheriff and his brother, K. D. R. Harman. All of these people—we mean the men, not the women—are about the same age as Mr. Peery, and several of them "a little the rise." A good dinner and a good time generally was had, of course.

Distressing Accident.

The distressing intelligence reached here on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Vance, from Mrs. W. B. Stone, of Bristol, stating that O. J. Vance had been killed near Cripple Creek in Wythe county. A telegram from Bristol to the Roanoke Times on yesterday, states that Vance, who travels in a hack for Fayette-Peavler Shoe Co., of Bristol, was in the habit of carrying a rifle to shoot game, and seeing a snake on the road side got out to shoot it, when in some manner the gun was accidentally discharged into his body, killing him almost instantly. Ollie J. Vance married Miss Bessie Suthers here last February, and has made Tazewell his home, his wife remaining here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Suthers.

Mr. Vance was a very successful salesman and stood high with his house. He was brother to Mrs. Riley Stone, of Bristol, and Attorney S. M. Vance and Mrs. F. B. Anderson, of Sanford, Fla. Mrs. Vance left here Wednesday evening to be present at the burial, which will take place in Bristol. Great sympathy is expressed here for the young wife and her family.

Raven Register

Red Men and Odd Fellows had a fine time the 28—Decoration Day. We had a fine growing rain, but an awful storm.

R. L. Crawford has a big smile on this morning—he had a big boy at his house. Only three boys out of thirteen.

BIG EXPLOSION,
TWO ARE KILLED

Body of Unknown Italian is
Torn to Hundreds of Pieces
by Premature Blast.

By the premature explosion of dynamite and powder, two men were blown to atoms on Tuesday on the construction work at Cedar Bluff. The name of one of the victims was John McCahee, an American, of Tennessee. The name of the other man, an Italian, could not be ascertained. It seems that the men were loading a rock, and had just about finished. Foreman Grigsby, of Rinehart and Dennis, contractors, had just passed by, telling the men how much explosive to use, and had gotten only a short distance away when the explosion occurred. It is said that 60 sticks of dynamite and a lot of powder exploded. The bodies of the men were blown to fragments.

Big Saving

Judge Martin Williams, of Giles, and his brother, Attorney-General, Samuel W. Williams, of Richmond, were here on Wednesday as counsel in an injunction suit against W. B. Honaker, involving lands in Bland county.

Attorney-General Williams as a member of the State Board of Education, introduced the resolution abolishing the office of State school examiners, which passed the Board recently. By this act the State will save about \$20,000 per year. The primary schools and school teachers of the State, would be materially helped along by the addition of this much money to their support. The office of State examiners, or inspectors, as they were known, was useless from the start, and the discontinuance of the office, thinks Judge Williams, will be heartily approved by the people of the State.

Judge Martin Williams has represented his district in the Legislature for years, and has been re-nominated by his people, and is certain of election. He is the author of the Wharton Insurance law, which seeks to prevent combination of insurance companies in the State for the fixing of rates. The bill passed the House twice but was defeated in the Senate. Judge Williams says that his purpose is to do what he can to have this law enacted at the next session of the General Assembly, and also to press with all his might, a bill, now in course of preparation, looking to the prevention of vote buying and frauds generally in elections, in which efforts he will have the hearty support of the people, not only of his district, but of the entire state.

Will Receive New Applicants For
Catawba Sanatorium

Richmond, June 1.—Persons wishing to be admitted to the State Sanatorium for incipient tuberculosis are urged by the State Health Department to make early application. The Health Commissioner, who has supervision of the Sanatorium, expresses his opinion that there will soon be vacancies in the institution and calls attention to the fact that in an institution of such large size, patients are continually coming and going. "No suitable case," says Dr. Williams, "will have to wait long for admission to Catawba, and those who have not applied because they know the institution is full are losing an opportunity for early treatment and probable cure."

Could't Hear Them

A large part—the principal part of the pleasure and profit of the High School entertainment last Tuesday night many people present didn't get because they could not hear what was said. This is the case, more or less, in all such public meetings, but for much of it there is absolutely no excuse whatsoever. In a hall the size of this chapel, there is no good reason why any speech, spoken or read, should not be heard by any one, in any part of the room, who is not afflicted with deafness. It is no exaggeration to say, that not three-fourths or even one half, of the people present Tuesday evening could hear the speeches and essays delivered. Why? Two reasons: One, the acoustic properties of the hall are bad. The deep stage with its heavy curtain hanging part of the way down, the speakers standing back from the front of the stage, the sound of their voices rising quickly, (as all sounds do, particularly in a heated room) was caught in the top of the stage, and in that pesky curtain, which no one had the forethought to raise out of the way as far as possible, and held there, and was only faintly heard in the main auditorium. It mattered not that the boys and girls had good, nice speeches and good, strong voices, their efforts were not appreciated as they would have been, for the reason given—they could not be heard.

Another reason, the boys and girls

do not make an effort to be heard, as they might do. They do not seem to appreciate the size of the room, and that a natural, conversational tone is not sufficiently full and strong to be heard. Mr. Bryan, Mr. Roosevelt, and all great speakers, with strong voices, find it necessary to make an effort to raise the pitch or increase the volume, in order to be heard. In most cases the teachers and trainers are to blame, if any one is, for this defect. The young speakers and readers do not know—are not supposed to know, just how loud to speak, and with what animation and life, and such important details as these must be looked after by the teachers. The writer of this article does not mean to find fault, or criticize in any censorious spirit, the boys and girls or their teachers, but only to call attention to what everybody felt last Monday and Tuesday nights, was a serious hindrance to the largest profit to be gotten from these entertainments. It is a pity—it is almost a shame, for a boy or girl to put weeks of hard work on a speech or essay, and then deliver the same to people who can't hear it. It was made to be heard, and however great it may be, is useless unless it can be heard by the people. Take heed how ye speak, is pretty good scripture, as well as, "take heed how ye hear."

Shawvers Mill.

Shawvers Mills, May 30.—We are having dry, hot weather. Corn crops will be short.

Rev. W. K. Neel preached an excellent sermon at Kinser Chapel Sunday.

Mr. Eagle is getting along nicely with his singing school at Fair View. Rev. Balton preached Saturday night and Sunday at Chestnut Grove.

Mr. Nickles, agent for the Cedar Bluff Woolen Co., is gathering up wool in this neighborhood.

Mr. W. D. Tuggle spent Sunday night with John Kinser returning home Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Leffel is still very ill. Miss Rose Summers, of Bluestone, is visiting on Clear Fork.

Mrs. Alice Shawver has two of her granddaughters with her, Virginia and Pauline Peery, from Burke's Garden.

Misses Bessie and Dott Jones were shopping in Tazewell Monday.

Cool Enough For Me

When the sun shines hot on the weedy garden plot,

And cornfields burn like molten sand,

There is always found a nice cool spot,

And that's around the baseball stand.

The weeds are rank, and its too hot on the bank,

The breeze has even left the wood and land,

There is one ideal place where everything is right

Close up around the baseball stand.

The fish won't bite, and it's too blamed hot to write,

Tho' ads and locals plenty are at hand,

We post a notice on the door, "Won't be in 'till night,"

And skiddoo to the baseball stand.

Her Work Appreciated
(Communicated.)

Miss Coulling's work as an educator has always been appreciated in Southwest Virginia; but her pupils both of the present and past, realizing her unusual worth, have felt an irresistible impulse to express their love and appreciation in some tangible form. As we all know, Miss Coulling has done more for the education of this section of the state than any other person, thereby becoming its best citizen; and it seemed very fitting that on last Monday afternoon a small company of those who had acted as agents in the movement, should meet Miss Coulling in the Reading Room and quietly inform her that her vacation was to be spent in rest and recreation at Chataqua.

The tribute from grateful hearts was hidden in a bunch of lovely flowers, to make glad her heart while she is yet with us. That education is best which prepares one to live best, and not only what is taught, but what the teacher is must be taken into account. Perhaps Miss Coulling's earlier pupils, who are now bearing the heat and burden of the day, appreciate most what her faithfulness to duty, high standards of character, and generous giving of herself to whatever was worth while, have meant as formative influences in their own lives. No greater thing can be said of any teacher than that she lived what she taught.

Long may Miss Coulling be spared to bless this community, as a teacher, and in every other department of life where mental attainment and real worth of character count for anything.

Will Spend Summer Here.

Dr. Margaret Bowen, of Richmond, Va., will spend the months of July and August in Tazewell, and will treat in the town of Tazewell during the time. Place of office announced later.

LARGE CROWDS
BUT NO FLIGHTS

Bluefield's "Aviation Meet"
Was All in Air—The Bird
Men Couldn't Fly.

The aviation meet in Bluefield was a great success. Great crowds from all quarters flocked into the city to see the wonderful machines and witness the performances, which were truly wonderful. Specially wonderful and beautiful was the performance of Old Reliable, the machine that mistook a bank of dirt for atmosphere in Bristol. Notwithstanding it was a little patched up it actually ran along on the ground, in the Bluefield meet. Not being entirely satisfied with the affair, for some people are mighty hard to please, the Bluefield promoters called off the show, cancelled the contract in the middle of the week, pronounced the whole affair a failure, and of course refunded all the gate money, railroad fare, hotel bills and other expenses of the great crowd in attendance. The next move, it is reported, will be to get the Wright Brothers, Curtis and Zepplin to come over, and failing in this some boy will be engaged to fly a few kites. From there the party will proceed to Bristol.

Benbow

Benbow, Virginia, May 31, 1911.—Quarterly meeting was held at this place Saturday and Sunday. Every one seemed to have enjoyed it very much. Dinner was served on the grounds. Mr. King was assisted by Rev. Mr. Hix who gave us a good sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Corell of Poor Valley, attended the meeting and spent Sunday night with the latter's sister Mrs. Dr. Lynch.

Mr. Haynes Buchanan is slowly recovering from his illness. Mr. Buchanan loves to talk and have his friends visit him. Quite a number of his friends took dinner at his home the third Sunday, among whom were Rev. Mr. Carson and his nephew, Mr. Sam Thompson, of Tazewell.

The weather is fearfully dry and hot. Farmers are somewhat scared of their crops and grass, but will trust in a higher power.

Mrs. G. S. Crabtree is having a beautiful ten room house erected. The carpenters have taken advantage of the pretty weather and have gotten it under good headway.

Messrs. Charles Buchanan and Clyde Thompson attended commencement at Jackson Institute, Abingdon, and Misses May Lynch and Carene Buchanan who attended the Institute the past year returned with them.

Misses Susie Crabtree and Grace Buchanan will return this week from Farmville school, where they have spent a most delightful and profitable year.

Mrs. John Buchanan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubble, of Smyth county, spent last week with her. Mrs. Mary Buchanan accompanied them home where she expects to spend sometime visiting friends and relatives.

Ed Thompson started some days ago for Missouri where he expects to spend several months.

Prof. Painter and family left last week for their home near Roanoke. Mr. Painter taught us two very successful schools.

Newton Buchanan's children have been quite sick for the past week but are improving some now.

By the help of the Ladies Aid Society, our good people have newly painted their church.

We hope the next improvement will be on the public roads.

Billy Walk, who had his leg broken in Graham two months ago is still unable to be brought home.

Burke's Garden

Burke's Garden, May 31.—Cards are out to a wedding of interest which will take place in Washington, D. C. on June the seventh.

Miss Ethel Meek attended commencement at Stonewall Jackson Institute, Abingdon, Va.

Mrs. T. C. Bowen with her son and daughter, is spending a few days at Lovely View and incidentally enjoying the pleasant breeze.

Mrs. Morgan Wynn is visiting Mr. John Wynn's family in Baptist Valley.

Mr. Jim Litz spent a couple of days last week in this community soliciting help for the Litz orphanage which is situated near Bluefield.

Mr. John D. Alexander, of Tazewell, Sealer of Weights and Measures, was in the Garden Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Albert Suiter of Bland, and his friend, Mr. Grear, from Philadelphia, were here for a day or two the first of this week.

Miss Pansy Meek is spending a while with friends at Tazewell and accompanied by her father attending the aviation meet at Bluefield.

Mrs. A. S. Groeyer is convalescent after an attack of measles contracted

FARM IMPLEMENTS

Our line of implements is the best that money and good judgment can procure. It consists of Deehring Binders, reapers, rakes, mowers, tedders, sweep rakes.

Superior riding and walking cultivators, peg tooth harrows etc. Our binder twine is the best manufactured.

Be sure and see our line Court Day.

Star Milling Company, Inc.

while visiting homefolks several weeks ago.

Master Trubie Meek attended Tazewell High School commencement Monday night and paid Masters Graham and Henry Preston a visit.

Miss Maude Moss is at home after an absence of some months.

Mrs. W. Jeff Hoge and children, of Bland, are in the Garden with relatives and friends.

Beautiful Tribute to a Worthy
Teacher

One of the most beautiful, unique and timely incidents of the closing of the schools, occurred on Monday afternoon, in the High School Reading Room. Miss Lou Coulling was requested to meet a number of her friends and pupils there, when she was presented with a large, handsome bouquet of flowers, in which was hidden a handsome gift, a token of regard and appreciation from her pupils of this session and of other sessions, accompanied by a request that she spend the summer vacation in rest and recreation. Miss Coulling was deeply touched by this unexpected expression of regard and appreciation. This action of her class and of members of previous classes taught here, was beautiful, a credit and honor they did themselves. Miss Coulling has taught in this town for years. Quietly and unassuming, always at her post and always measuring up. She has gone on, thinking, perhaps only of her duty, and the work she loves, concluding, no doubt, (if the thought entered her mind at all), that some day, sooner or later, when she lay in her casket, friends would bring her flowers and tokens of their love and regards for the efforts she had made through the years, to discharge her duties, but, behold! here comes the flowers, and here goes the newspaper notice and testimonial, while she still lives, to see and hear and appreciate. Ante-mortem flowers beat post mortem flowers away ponder. If we only could get in the habit of changing the post mortem into ante-mortem, how much happier the world would be! And how much more useful we all would be, too, if our friends and those for whom and to whom we give our very life, would give some expression before we pass beyond the point of recognition! Congratulations, most heartily, to Miss Coulling, and to all the favored few who do not need to "die to win." The men and women of today whom she taught in the Yesterday, the men and women of the future whom she is teaching in the Today, are her monument—not marble or bronze or dumb mausoleum, and these have spoken in living words and a loving, beautiful deed.

Narrow Escape

A tragedy of Wednesday afternoon's storm is reported here, to the effect that Frazier Matthews, who was leading two mules along the road in Thompson Valley, was caught in the storm, and one of the mules was killed dead by lightning, and his (Matthews) shoes torn from his feet, but he himself, was unhurt. This is about the first instance reported where any element whatsoever has gotten the better of a mule. Matthews is lucky in having the lightning to strike him instead of the mule kicking him. If that mule had gotten a whack at him he would have other things knocked off besides his shoes. However, he should be thankful for his lucky escape. Singular it is and a pity, too, that you never hear of lightning striking a dog.

TALKED WITH COL. MOSBY

Geo. W. Doak returned last Saturday from his recreation trip feeling much benefited. While away he took in Roanoke, Washington, Baltimore and other places of interest, among them being Corbett, just twenty miles out from Baltimore, where Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Spotts live. Doak reports Ed getting on nicely in the feed and grain business, and Mrs. Spotts happy and contented keeping house. "My Lord" Spotts, "Big Will," had not yet reached Corbett and it was suggested that he must have "walked through" and would reach home later. The Spotts' are missed here, and it is not much of a venture to say that they miss Tazewell, too, during these hot days.

Mr. Doak had the pleasure of his life in meeting Col. John S. Mosby, the distinguished Confederate soldier, in a Washington hotel, and enjoyed a long conversation with him, hearing from his own lips many stirring incidents of the war. Upon the whole Mr. Doak had a great time.

LAMBERT'S SLAYER
GETS THREE YEARS

Indian Creek Negro, Who
Narrowly Escaped Lynching—Two Mistrials.

The trial of John Henry Morgan, the negro who killed Grover Lambert on Indian Creek, several weeks ago, has been in progress here for the past two days. The case is attracting a great deal of interest, because of the wide connection of the dead man. The State is assisted in the prosecution by Chapman and Gillespie, Assistant U. S. District Attorney Munsey, was designated by the court to defend Morgan.

The first witness in the case Wednesday was Frank Payne, who was present when the tragedy occurred. Mr. Payne stated that Morgan was standing beside a tree when he shot Lambert, and that so far as he knew Lambert did not fire his pistol at all. When he reached Lambert after the shooting, Lambert's pistol was lying on his breast, and had never been fired so far as witness knew. William Bandy, a witness for the State, testified that he was near Lambert when the shot that killed him was fired, and that Lambert shot after he had received the bullet wound, and that it looked to him like Lambert shot straight in the air, or fired as he fell.

The witness testified that Morgan was about twenty feet from Lambert when he fired.

The trial will probably be concluded today.

The trial of Benjamin Lester, for shooting Luther Lowe in the Cove several weeks ago, was concluded on Saturday, but after frequent attempts the jury in the case was unable to reach a verdict. It is stated that the jury stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal.

Another mistrial was the outcome of the case of W. H. Barnett for killing Thomas Harman near Pocahontas. The jury was unable to agree, and were discharged. It is stated that the jury was about evenly divided.

John Henry Morgan, the negro charged with the murder on Indian Creek of Grover Lambert, was found guilty by a jury yesterday afternoon and given three years in the penitentiary. The short term given Morgan was a surprise to some, but the people generally approve the verdict.

A Garden of Eden

Mr. Samuel G. Johnson, of the well known firm of Footo and Johnson, buggy manufacturers at Wytheville, spent several days in the community recently, much to the delight of his many friends, whose name is Legion in this section. The editor of this paper is under special obligations to Mr. Johnson for rare flowers and shrubs, etc., received recently. Mr. Johnson, has, it is said, a veritable little Garden of Eden at his home, (except the Eve), filled with all sorts and varieties of shrubs and flowers, in which he takes great delight, and he is not at all selfish about them, and gives away a great many all over the country. In behalf of Mr. Johnson's other grateful friends, as well, we thank him.

Tip Top Locals

Tip Top, June 1.—The wedding bells are rusty here, but think they will stand the test again right soon.

The stork has again paid a visit to this neighborhood, and has left a big boy and girl at Mr. Pete Snella's.

The Misses Baker, of Richmond, are visiting at Mrs. R. P. Harman's, and will return to their home next week.

Miss Ethel Harman will visit Roanoke this week, and from there to Lynchburg to visit her brother.

C. H. Dudley, of Bluefield, was here this week on business.

S. H. Wingo made a flying trip to Pittsburgh Saturday.

NOT SO SMALL

We now represent the Home Insurance Company, of New York, which has admitted assets of over \$30,000,000 and over sixteen million surplus to policy holders. This is but one of our many large companies, but shows you the kind of protection we offer.

F. W. Pendleton, Ins. Agency